

The latest: The appointment of Postal Route Agent Cannon, now in jail at Des Moines, Iowa, has been revoked.

The democrats are now talking as if they didn't expect to carry Ohio. That is a very good way to be prepared for defeat next Tuesday.

Roscoe Conkling seems to be doubly successful these times. He is punishing his enemies and at the same time making a hundred thousand a year from his law practice.

During the month of September, the Chicago & Northwestern railway earned \$2,388,300, which was \$86,400 more than it earned in September, 1884. The earnings of the Omaha line for September were \$572,900, an increase of \$44,500. The earnings of the Chicago & Alton for the same time were \$754,289, a decrease of \$102,672.

The London Times Paris correspondent says: "Owing to the number of cabinet ministers defeated at the election on Sunday last for seats in the chamber of deputies, it will be necessary for the cabinet to be reconstituted, or resign from office before the chamber meets. If the radicals ally themselves with the members of the right, they can overthrow the ministry after the election, leaving France in a permanent crisis which will seriously jeopardize the existence of a Republic."

The number of prisoners sentenced for life in Illinois since it became a state is 152 men and one woman. Forty-two were pardoned after one to thirteen years, twenty-five completed their sentences by dying in their cells, one was stabbed to death by a fellow convict, three committed suicide, seven became insane, one escaped and twelve had their terms commuted. There are now fifty-five serving life sentences. Peter Zover has been in prison the longest and will complete his seventeenth year soon. This is the greatest period ever served in Illinois.

George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, is the great American palmer. He performed that office among others for the late James Gordon Bennett, Admiral Charles Stewart (grandfather of the Irish leader, Charles Stewart Parnell), Joseph R. Chandler, John W. Forney, Morton McMichael, Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian institution, Edwin Forrest, F. A. Drexel, Commodore Gar, rison, General Meade and General Grant besides many men of more purely local fame.

The Madison Democrat says in a late issue: "The postmaster general has rendered a decision to the effect that salaries of postal employees cannot be attached for debt, and he will send out instructions to postmasters to disregard attachments issued by state courts, but to appear individually in court and state that they are possessed of no property belonging to the debtor. The salaries are to be regarded as United States funds until they pass from the hands of the postmaster into those of his employees." Can the Democrat name a time when the salaries of postal clerks could be attached for debt?

Postmaster Pearson, of New York city, one of the most experienced postal officials in the country, does not have an abiding faith in the efficiency of the immediate delivery system. He says: "I hope the new system will not become popular as it is in direct violation of the fundamental principles of the mail service. We could easily make it possible to send a letter to any part of the city and deliver an answer in the space of two hours and a half, by the regular mail, so that we could augment our carrier service."

As the regular passenger trains from Holidaysburg were nearing Allegheny Furnace near Altoona, Pennsylvania, Tuesday morning, four men took possession of one of the crowded cars, and while three of them intimidated the passengers with revolvers the fourth went through the car and deliberately robbed each of the occupants as he chose to select. One of the passengers made a show of resistance, but he was attacked with a knife and cut through the hand. The conductor next grappled with one of the robbers, and was dragged out to the platform and beaten with a revolver handle. The robbers then pulled the bell rope, and jumped off, escaping to the woods. The Pennsylvania railroad company have sent out officers in all directions.

The Irish question is just now creating considerable discussion in the English press. On Tuesday the London Times commenting on Mr. Parnell's speech at Wicklow, says: "The cabinet, which meets to-day, must consider the situation in Ireland. It is impossible to dispute the fact that the government of Ireland has passed or is rapidly passing out of the hands of Her Majesty's ministry. The latter must defend their policy of abandonment of the bill for the renewal of the Coercion act. Mr. Parnell's demand for home rule is only preliminary to a further effort to complete the separation of Ireland from Great Britain." The Freeman's Journal supports Mr. Parnell's demand that the Irish people be permitted to raise their own revenue, and protect their own industries. The Irish Times says that protection is impossible without removing Ireland thousands of miles from England.

A German writer estimates the number of blind persons in the world at about 1,000,000. This is not a mere guess, but is based on accurate statistics, which show that, on the average, there is one blind person among every 1,400; hence as this planet has about 1,400,000,000 inhabitants, this would make 1,000,000 blind folks. The European countries differ somewhat in the proportion of

TWO MORE WOMEN KILLED.

Dastardly Double Tragedy in Illinois—The Miscreant at Large. GENEVA, Ill., Oct. 7.—"There's enough to pay for a first-class funeral, and I guess you'll have one," exclaimed Albert Cook as he slipped down upon the table in front of his wife a wallet containing over \$300. Then he began blazing at her with a revolver. She screamed and fled, and miraculously escaped being hit. This happened three weeks ago. Tuesday morning Cook stole into his wife's bedroom, where she and her mother were asleep, and awoke them with "Well, I'm here."

"What do you want?" his mother-in-law asked. "You know I want what I want," he replied. "She has not done anything," pleaded his mother-in-law, becoming alarmed.

"I'll show you a quick one," exclaimed Cook. Then drawing a revolver he shot twice at his mother-in-law, killing her instantly. Turning to his wife he fired five shots at her and fled.

The tragedy occurred at 5:30 in the morning in a farm-house in Campton, four miles west of Geneva and two miles north of Litch, in Kane county. Albert Cook married Nellie Bell in Campton twelve years ago. They had one living daughter, and had separated several times for short periods.

Cook ran from the house in a north-westerly direction. After being a quarter of a mile he threw away his coat, and, for some unaccountable reason, rested and for several minutes practiced shooting at a mark. The searching party traced him for about two miles. The community is thoroughly aroused and it is not doubtful that he can succeed in escaping altogether.

There is some talk of lynching him if caught. It is thought that he may board some train, and either go into Chicago or to New York. The officers at all places in this vicinity have been telegraphed to be on the watch for him.

Mrs. Cook it is believed will die. A report was started that Cook was insane, but his father, who hears of his doings it is said, "I have got my boy out of a good many scrapes, but I cannot get him out of this one. I hope he will be dead when they find him," he said.

The old gentleman says that his son's wife was unfaithful to him, and that she would behave herself and treat him well only while he had money. The murderer is about 35 years old, and weighs 190 pounds. He has dark hair and mustache, and wears, when in bed, a light-gray coat, pants of a darker color, and a black stonch hat.

The Daily Woman Slaughter. HONOLULU, N. H., Oct. 7.—George Disque, a molder, cut his wife's throat. Tuesday afternoon, during a domestic quarrel, the woman died instantly. Disque walked to the station house and surrendered himself. When officers went to the house they found the woman lying on the floor dead. A 5-month-old infant was by her side, its hands wet with the mother's blood.

MILLING IN TRANSIT. What a Railway Man Says About the Matter. CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Traffic Manager Clarke, of the St. Paul road, says, referring to the recent suggestion of the railway commission of Minnesota that "milling in transit" rates be abolished:

"The request of the commissioners is unreasonable. They ask us to do nothing more nor less than to reduce our local rates to Minneapolis, so that the sum of our local rates—that is, the local rate to Minneapolis added to the local rate from Minneapolis to Chicago—will be the same as the through rate to Chicago. To illustrate: Our local rate from Heron Lake, a point on our western division, to Minneapolis is 25 cents, and the rate from Minneapolis to Chicago is 15 cents, making the sum of the two 40 cents. Our through rate to Chicago from Heron Lake is 30 cents, and our 'milling-in-transit' rate 25 cents more, which covers switching charges and extra hauling of cars required by the transfer at the milling point. What the commissioners want us to do is to reduce our local rate to Minneapolis to 15 cents so that the rate from Minneapolis to Chicago will be the same as the through rate to Chicago. This is a plain robbery of the local trade."

MRS. COLTON'S GREAT CASE. Two Years' Litigation and a Verdict Against Her—County Clerk. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 7.—The most protracted legal case ever known in California was decided Tuesday by Judge Temple, of Santa Rosa. The case was known as *Colton vs. Colton*. The plaintiff, Charles Colton, a C. P. Franklin, son of Col. Colton, had an agreement to sell whereby Mrs. Colton received \$800,000 for her husband's interest in Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, on the ground of fraud and concealment of property. The plaintiff is the widow of Gen. David D. Colton, financial manager of the railroad syndicate, and brought suit to recover \$1,000,000. The judge, on November 1883, and the expenses, exclusive of counsel fees, are estimated at \$200,000. As the best legal talent was employed by both sides, the fees are not less than \$500,000. The decision was in favor of Mrs. Colton, finding the charges of fraud entirely unfounded. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

Death of Ex-Governor Talbot. LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 7.—Governor Thomas Talbot died here Tuesday. He was born in Irish parents in 1813, at Cambridge, N. Y. They removed to Northampton, Mass., in 1831, where young Talbot began his career as a lawyer. He was a member of the legislature in 1858 and 1860, and was elected governor in 1860. He was a member of the legislature in 1860 and 1861, and was elected governor in 1860. He was a member of the legislature in 1860 and 1861, and was elected governor in 1860.

Not So Bad as Reported. GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 7.—A special from Rusk says that the report that sixty convicts in the camp near Lufkin had escaped, and that twenty-five of the fugitives had been killed by officers in pursuit, was an exaggeration. Sixty convicts in camp made the numerous demonstrations, but only fifteen had the courage to break through the lines. One of the latter was instantly killed, and seven were severely wounded. Seven escaped.

His Consistency Is Easier. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—The Montgomery county authorities will send to Chicago for John A. Wilson, who confessed to the murder of Anthony Daly and the throwing of his remains into Wissahickon creek. Wilson, it is said, expects to be hanged, but his consistency is easier for a living than the confusion. His story has been fully verified.

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